AMAMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1 – 28. (Cancelled)

29.   (currently amended) A method for use in a storage network, the method comprising:

provisioning, by a first switch, a first virtual target using storage resources in communication with the first switch;

provisioning, by a second switch, a second virtual target using storage resources in communication with the second switch;

associating the first virtual target with a user domain accessible by an initiator in communication with the first switch;

associating the second virtual target with the user domain so that the second virtual target is also accessible by the initiator, including provisioning an initiator connection from the first switch to the second switch.

30. - 41. Cancelled

42.   (currently amended) A storage network, comprising:

a first switch, having one or more physical devices in communication with it and one or more initiators in communication with it, wherein each physical device includes one or more logical units (LUs);

a second switch, having one or more physical devices in communication with it and one or more initiators in communication with it, wherein each physical device includes one or more LUs;

the first switch including a description of a first virtual target, the first virtual target formed using the LUs of one or more physical devices in communication with the first switch;

the second switch including a description of a second virtual target, the second virtual target

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formed using the LUs of one or more physical devices in communication with the second switch;

the first switch including a description of a user domain, wherein the user domain includes both the first virtual target and the second virtual target;

the second switch including a description of an initiator connection from the first switch to the second switch.

43. – 50. Cancelled